

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5650

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Modifying provisions governing inmate funds subject to deductions.

Sponsors: Senators Padden, Darneille, Pearson and Kohl-Welles; by request of Department of Corrections.

Senate Committee on Law & Justice

House Committee on Public Safety

House Committee on General Government & Information Technology

Background: When an inmate receives any funds in addition to the inmate's wages or gratuities, those funds are subject to the following deductions:

- 5 percent to the crime victims' compensation account;
- 10 percent to a Department of Corrections personal inmate savings account;
- 20 percent for payment of legal financial obligations for all inmates who have legal financial obligations owing in any Washington State superior court;
- 20 percent for any child support owed under a support order;
- 20 percent to the Department of Corrections to contribute to the cost of incarceration; and
- 20 percent for payment of any civil judgment for assault for all inmates who are subject to a civil judgment for assault in any Washington State court or federal court.

When an inmate receives any funds from a settlement or award resulting from a legal action, those additional funds are also subject to deductions. Money received for postage expenses and money received for educational programs are not subject to deductions.

Summary: Any money received by the Department of Corrections on behalf of an inmate from family or other outside sources for the payment of certain medical expenses is not subject to deductions. This money may only be used for the payment of medical expenses associated with the purchase of eyeglasses, over-the-counter medications, and offender copayments. Funds received specifically for these purposes may not be transferred to any other account or purpose. Money that remains unused in the inmate's medical fund at the time of release is subject to deductions.

Votes on Final Passage:

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House	97	0	(House amended)
Senate	43	3	(Senate concurred)

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